

The BOCES Regional Information Centers (RIC) in New York State have identified the following mission statement and shared goals. These goals will be collaboratively achieved by all RICs.

“We are a collaborative of BOCES Regional Information Centers providing leadership and efficient, effective technology solutions for the purpose of supporting management, learning and student achievement.”

2014-2015 Regional Information Centers’ Shared Goals and Action Items

Strengthen each RICs capacity to deliver high-quality, cost-effective services to member districts by developing partnerships between the 12 centers.

- Continue to form service partnerships and encourage specialization around products and services, as appropriate.
 - One API initiative - ricOneAPI - initiative
- Continue to offer a collaborative catalog of technology integration professional development offerings, at no cost, to districts participating in their local Regional Information Center’s Model Schools Service.
- Continue to work collaboratively on bids, RFPs and contracts that address statewide needs.

Work in conjunction with SED to provide leadership and support related to the following national and state initiatives: PARCC and CTB (Computer-Based Testing), NYS Educational Data Portal, Great Teachers & Leaders and Common Core Learning Standards.

- Continue to assist NYSED in communicating important information related to NYS data, assessment, accountability and technology initiatives to the field.
- Continue to partner with NYSED in order to provide districts with support in leveraging the following PARCC technology readiness tools: Technology Readiness Tool (TRT), System Check Tool and Infrastructure Trial.
- Continue to work collaboratively to review PARCC and NYS CBT Technology Guidelines and conduct appropriate research to support districts in preparing for computer-based testing.
- Analyze service challenges and opportunities associated with transitioning to the next-generation K-12 assessments.

- Continue to work collaboratively to ensure vendor partners are prepared to support new data collection, reporting and interoperability needs.
- Continue to work in conjunction with NYSED to develop and refine Level 0 Data Warehouse edits, documentation, and best practices.
- Continue to work collaboratively to expand the reporting capability of the statewide data system to support NYSED reporting requirements.
- Partner with NYSED in order to support districts' implementation of NYS Educational Data Dashboards.
- Continue refine RIC data dashboards, portals and tools to ensure alignment with new New York State initiatives such as Common Core Standards and Great Teachers & Leaders (APPR).
- Monitor and refine the RICs' Common Data Views initiative.
- Evaluate, develop and promote policies and recommendations related to the collection, sharing, privacy and security of sensitive data.
- Continue to work collaboratively to research technology tools that educators can leverage as they implement learning experiences aligned with the Common Core Learning Standards.

Expand anywhere, anytime learning opportunities by conducting research and defining best practices related to mobile learning devices.

- Continue to work collaboratively to evaluate management solutions that support administrators, educators, and students in their efforts to effectively leverage mobile devices.
- Continue to work collaboratively to evaluate teaching and learning solutions that support educators, students and parents in their efforts to effectively leverage mobile devices.